

Director, Division of Professional Development



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Responsibilities

The Director of the Division of Professional Development has four key areas of responsibility:

- promoting public awareness of midwifery as the gold standard of maternity care
- promoting opportunities for continuing education and professional development for midwives
- creating and maintaining position papers and professional development documents, such as core competencies and standards
- acting as liaison to MANA Student Section

The Director of the Division of Professional Development is responsible for overseeing the development of the profession of midwifery within the organization, maintaining MANA's strong voice of expertise regarding the Midwifery Model of Care and normal physiologic birth, and impacting policy through the dissemination of transformative research findings.

The Director will:

- be a current voting member of MANA
- attend phone, virtual, and in-person Board meetings, and annual conference
- maintain essential professional development documents
- provide and promote avenues for continuing education
- create educational training modules and curriculum
- organize Student Section activities at conference
- oversee Scholarship Program
- participate in the conference program committee
- oversee intern mentorship program
- work with the Secretary to archive MANA materials as needed
- oversee the following committees:
 - Document Committee
 - Professional Development Committee
 - Student Section
 - Scholarship Committee

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- ad hoc Committees as needed

Preferred Skill Set

Previous nonprofit board experience or volunteer experience for an organization with similar goals as MANA is preferred, but not required. Persons seeking this position will actively pursue, appreciate and mentor the broadest cultural and geographic diversity to the Board, and have knowledge of and commitment to cultural safety and competency. Additional preferred skills: attention to detail, excellent writing skills, ability to create educational opportunities, management skills, and excellent people skills.

Commitment

The amount of time that members spend on MANA Board work ranges from 0 to 15 hours per week depending on the time of year and projects they are involved in. Board members are expected to follow through with deadlines and commitments made, with the understanding that we are all practicing midwives